

## [Letter from John A. Lomax to Harold Spivacke]

General Delivery, Houston, Texas, 4/14/1939

Dear Mr. Spivacke:

I'm very glad to say the machine is working satisfactorily, though as yet I have not found any sapphire cutting needles. No mention of them in the memorandum of supplies. The new set of tubes, cables recor-ered [sic] and general overhauling is resulting in fairly good recordings.

I told Alan that the Gamut matter was in your hands Gamut writes me that you are to have the originals. That would save the Library one set of duplicates. The additional time for two sets of originals when I find a group of fine singers would make little difference. The possibility of making a little extra money I should welcome. Gamut, as you know, furnishes his own records, needles, etc. Tell me frankly how you feel. I am sure you know that I did not seek this commission.

I am working out of Houston in this rich territory.

Sincerely yours, John A. Lomax

Wolffert wrote me that he had talked with you.